

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1885.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 8:45 A. M. and 8:30 P. M.

Going North: 8:45 A. M. and 6:45 P. M.

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Two Copies for \$3.50.

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Insect powder at McAllister's.

Crop mortgages for sale at this office.

Flour, bacon and lard, at McAllister's.

Hides bought at M. HINZIE'S.

Evaporated apples, the best and cheapest in the market at MARTIN HINZIE'S.

Millet and sorghum seed at McALLISTER'S.

Best Louisiana molasses at McALLISTER'S.

BABBIT METAL way below New York cost at this office.

Fresh car-load of extra flour offered under a full guarantee. HARDY & CO.

Just received, a fresh lot of lard, bacon and hams, at M. HINZIE'S.

Fresh lot of oat-meal in bulk at HARDY & CO'S.

New millinery goods, and more to arrive soon, at MRS. RICHARDSON'S.

Nice line of water-coolers just received at M. HINZIE'S.

A few good shapes in Ladies' Hats at 25c. Former price 75c to \$1.00. DAILEY & BRO.

For best breakfast bacon and hams at only 12 1/2c go to REED'S.

For short clear bacon for 10c go to REED'S.

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We are prepared to quote prices on either the "OSBORNE" or "WOOD" or also "BUCKEY" Hay Rakes.

G. W. DONALSON & Co.

If you want choice coffee at 7 lbs to the dollar, go to REED'S.

Just received a choice lot of dried beef at REED'S.

A new line of LAWNS and Gingham just received at DAILEY & BRO'S.

The Ice Cream Season

Is just opening by G. C. Bills, next door to the post-office.

Horse Bills,

Got up in the best style at the FREE PRESS office.

Nice clean newspapers for wrapping paper for sale at the FREE PRESS office for only 25 cents a hundred.

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Parties wishing to buy McCormick binders or mowers, and those needing wires for their machines, as also twine and wire, will call on Wm. Giesen.

Cardinal of the justly celebrated Moline Wagons received and offered for sale at reasonable prices and terms Wm. Giesen, Agent.

We have for sale at half cost a Novelty Printing Press, valuable to any business house, or man. It may be seen at the FREE PRESS office.

CASH FOR PRINTING.—All job work, which is essentially a cash business, must thereafter be paid for in cash. Don't ask us for credit or trade in this department.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office in Wood's new building, up stairs, San Marcos.

Oct. 25-ly.

"The Little Huckleberry."

There are very few who do not know the little bush growing alongside our mountains and hills; but very few realize the fact that the little purple berry, which so many of us have eaten in most every shape, there is a principle in it having a wonderful effect on the bowels. Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial is the GREAT SOUTHERN REMEDY that restores the little one teething; and cures Diarrhea, Dysentery and Cramp Colic. For sale by all druggists at 50 cents a bottle.

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and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.

Wm. Giesen.

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A Second-hand Buggy,

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Apply to G. W. DONALSON & Co., Hardware Dealers.

Interesting to Odd Fellows and Others.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at Waco having issued a circular to subordinate lodges with respect to establishing permanent lodges, and in response to which the lodge at San Marcos, Texas, has been organized. The lodge will hold a meeting of Odd Fellows at this place on Monday night next, the 25th inst., to consider the question of the establishment of such a lodge at San Marcos.

County Court commences next Monday.

Preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sunday by Rev. Julius B. French.

The road to the new cemetery is very much improved.

J. M. Turner was appointed city assessor and tax collector.

Owing to the rain, the San Marcos Social is postponed until next Tuesday night.

There was an unusually large attendance at the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

Through an oversight we have failed to correct our list of town officers on our first page. It will appear correctly next week.

Our Stringtown farmers are getting their crops in splendid order and they never were more flourishing than at the present season.

Brown and Lindsey lost one of their huss horses last Saturday night. He died in consequence of making too fast time to New Braunfels and back.

The county convicts under Jim Turner put in a good days work on the Blanco ford Monday. They are now to work on some of the neighboring farms.

A proposition has been made to the town council to purchase the old jail and grounds attached, valued at \$1200, on ten years time.

We were presented not long since with a bouquet of wild flowers, and have since been shown others of rare beauty. Few countries can surpass Texas in this line at this season of the year.

Justice Cook's court convened Monday morning. The only business before it was the State vs. J. A. Bell, maintaining a public nuisance, continued, and same vs. Lorenzo Serrez, disorderly conduct, \$1 and costs; put on chain gang.

A little daughter of Mr. Cox, about 12 years of age, who lives on W. S. Gray's place several miles south of town, was bitten in the big toe by a rattlesnake while chopping cotton last Thursday. It was about 24 hours before she received any attention, but it is believed she will recover. The snake was killed.

An election of Trustees for our Free Schools, either by the Council or people, is now in order. It might be done at a town meeting, without the formality of a regular election. We notice it was recently done in this way at Gonzales. We learn the subject will come before the next meeting of the Council.

Talking by telephone it strikes us is not just the thing for confidential communications. For instance we do not think it would do for love-making, especially where the parties are inclined to be bashful. It would be exceedingly awkward to proclaim one's passion in stentorian tones to a promiscuous crowd at either end of the line. We fear the telephone will not be popular as a medium of communication between true "lovers."

Robert Piroes, a young man, resident at Wimberley, had on exhibition here last Tuesday a handsomely carved headstone of Italian marble as a sample of his own workmanship. It would bear comparison with any work of its class. Considering the fact that Mr. Piroes has had no regular training in the art, he has remarkable degree of native talent. We learn he does quite a little business in his line at Wimberley. The value of this handsome stone was \$80.

The alleged "letting" of the county printing by the Commissioners' Court to McLeMORE of the Kyle News, all the circumstances go to show was simply a very shrewd device to take it away from the FREE PRESS, out of spite because we presumed to censure the Board for their gross neglect of duty with respect to the Court House grounds. The proceeds of the printing for a year, at the prices at which we have been doing it, would only about pay our office expenses for a month. Our bill for the last quarter was some \$25—about twice as large as usual. They gave the work to McLeMORE at only five per cent. deduction on the prices at which we have for some time been doing it, so it is clear there is nothing to the county work speaking of in the change. It is a very small business, and we should scarcely regard it as worthy of any notice, were it not for the spirit which evidently inspired it. This may challenge from us some further attention hereafter.

A SAD CASE.

A Bereaved Father Leaves his Infant Child in the Hands of Strangers.

About the 23rd of last month a tall, dark-complexioned man wearing a black mustache and goatee arrived here from San Antonio. He came in on the morning train and breakfasted at the Minter House, gave his name as McCoy and said he was from Wichita Falls, Texas, and was a cattleman; he was neatly attired and had a genteel appearance. He told the proprietor that his young wife had just died at San Antonio, whither he had taken her for medical attendance, leaving an infant only a few days old, and said that as he was living in a very remote region and a comparative stranger in the state, he knew of no one to take care of it but he had been advised by the physicians to put it under the care of some worthy woman until it was strong enough to take to his sister in Tennessee. Mr. Minter referred him to Mrs. Lawson, with whom he arranged for its reception, agreeing to pay her \$15 per month and paid that amount in advance, stating that he would make her another payment in the course of a month or two and that he would come early in August to get the baby. He seemed to be deeply affected when conversing with Mrs. Lawson, and frequently broke into tears when he spoke of his wife's death and of the necessity of leaving his child.

Having completed his arrangements he returned to San Antonio and delivered it to Mrs. Lawson on the 25th ult. He then gave her his address which was as follows: "Chas. C. McCoy, Wichita Falls, Texas, diamond D ranch, Hall county."

Some business with Hon. Temple Houston, with whom he was acquainted, and that he would stop at Austin to see him on his way home.

Mrs. Lawson devoted herself to the little stranger and several of the neighboring ladies took an interest in its welfare, but in spite of this attention, the child, which was quite plump at the beginning, died at two o'clock last Saturday afternoon. It was buried at the County's expense in the new cemetery at 3 o'clock Sunday evening. Rev. Harris officiating at the grave.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Depp, of Round Rock, was in town yesterday.

Alex. Smith was down from Dripping Springs last Saturday.

One Cook is now driving the delivery wagon of Taylor & Thomas for his health.

Messrs. Whisenant and Hollman, of Kyle, were in town last Friday.

Squire Haupt and Major Nance were in town on Monday.

Marshal Prince, spent several days at Seguin last week attending court.

Mr. Lee, sen., formerly of this place, now of Abilene, was here last week on a visit.

B. W. Smith, Sr., has gone on a visit to his old home in Georgia, via New Orleans.

Mr. T. J. Estes, of Wimberley came down the latter part of last week. He says crops in the mountains are in fine condition.

Mr. Hurd of Waco, and Mr. Dowd of Illinois, insurance men, are among the recent guests at Prescott's.

Phil Springer has just completed his studies at the Austin Commercial College. He will go up the cattle trail with Jackson.

U. S. Marshal Jackson spent the day with his son, W. T., at this place last Sunday.

Our Martindale letter will be read with interest. We are glad to say we have the promise of others from various parts, by the same practiced pen.

Miss Bettie Coleman, came over from Austin last Thursday on a visit to friends at this place and remained till Tuesday of this week.

Rufus Whitehead, the young man who recently taught a dancing school at this place, shot and killed a man named Hubbard at Liberty Hill, on the 13th inst.

J. L. Williamson, of Purgatory Springs, handed us on yesterday a parcel of white dewberries. They were ripe and palatable. Quite a curiosity.

Maj. Brackenridge and family, and Miss Mattie Ernest, of Austin, and Miss Susie Pfeuffer, of New Braunfels, were in attendance at the Brackenridge-Lyons wedding.

Messdames Laney and Wimberley of Wimberley, made the FREE PRESS a call on Tuesday. They report crop prospects fine but business dull.

Mr. J. H. Schmidt, of DuPre, is now located at San Marcos. He is buying grain for Land & Bro. His headquarters are at Green's Bank.

We grieve to record the death on Monday morning last, of little Jordan, only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Patterson. The joys of parenthood had need to be great to compensate the sorrows which often thus overtake it.

We are gratified to say that we have secured the assistance in our office of Mr. S. Hayford, jr., a typographical and personal friend of former years—a good workman and a reliable gentleman in all respects.

The place formerly occupied by Mr. White looks like a miniature "Garden of Eden," and is appropriately occupied, as we learn, by a newly married pair—Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Griffin.

Dave Malone got back Sunday evening from a trip to the Sour Wells, near Lockhart, where he had been to get a supply of the water for his invalid brother who is considerably benefited by it.

Mr. Wolunt, an Englishman living next to the Christian church, now has charge of the new cemetery, and has contracted to clear and keep it in good condition. He also officiates as sexton.

Charley McGeehe's family now occupy the widow Petty place on the hill near the new cemetery. Mrs. Petty is now living with her brother, Mr. Humphreys, down the river.

We have been remiss of duty in not sooner mentioning the visit of Mrs. Carr, of Hearne, to our town. She stops at Prescott's. She is, we learn, a lady of ample means and thinks of ultimately purchasing property at this place.

The venerable Prof. Lyons was here last week to witness the marriage of his daughter. He is 77 years of age, but looks ten years younger. He was accompanied by his sons, Wesley and Charley. Col. Wayne Graham, of Round Rock, an uncle of the bride, was also in attendance.

J. E. Clardy, of Fredericktown, Mo., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. M. Holmes, Mr. Clardy owns a fine ranch near Sweetwater, in Nolan county, and his friends here are trying to get him to make San Marcos his home.

Messrs. McClelland and Granger are erecting a business house about 20 feet square on their lot in front of the old boarding house once occupied by Mrs. Nance. The building lately occupied as a millinery store will be attached in the rear. The owners, we believe, intend opening business on the premises at an early day.

Prof. Willie Richardson is home again from Floresville, where he has been teaching school. He says now that he will stop teaching and complete his medical studies. In the eight months' term of school-teaching, he made, exclusive of all expenses, about \$400. Pretty good, we should say, for the young Professor.

Mrs. Chestnut and her sister Mrs. Hopkins of Clarksville, Texas were here this week on a visit, stopping at Prescott's. They expect to return soon and think of making this their permanent home. We learn that Mrs. Chestnut desires to sell the Mullins place and thinks of improving her place in the mountains.

The court house yard has been cleaned and now presents a very pretty appearance.

We give the above from the Kyle News is a fair sample of its regard for truth. Our people and visitors will appreciate it.

Gus Scrutins was tried the other day at Seguin for shooting Houston Gary at Long Branch, and acquitted.

In accordance with an act passed by the last legislature County Assessor Fortson and Surveyor Eve commenced last Tuesday a revision of the abstracts of titled and patented lands in the county with the purpose of correcting and indicating those not valid of which they will report to the commissioner of the general land office.

McLeMORE's Estimate of San Marcos.

"Give me a ticket to H—B," remarked a port young man to ticket agent Hanson, last night, and unwittingly the accommodating dispenser of tickets gave him one to San Marcos, which he paid for and placed in his hat, with the satisfied air of a man who had gotten what he asked for.

The above is a copy of a Kyle special which Mr. Jeff McLeMORE sent to leading daily papers scarcely a month before his "devotion" to the tripod of the Kyle News. Inasmuch as the young man is now busily engaged in trying to curry favor with our people, and appears to be backed up by citizens no less prominent than our Hon. County Judge and the Commissioner from this precinct, Hon. T. J. McCarthy, our people generally may feel some interest in his recorded opinion above, of their town. Perhaps it may incline them to an ardent support of one who looks upon San Marcos as "H—B" and of course her people as inhabitants of "H—B"—and perhaps not. We shall see.

MARRIED.

STANFIELD—JOYCE—On Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., at the Methodist church, by Rev. R. H. Belvin, Pastor, S. W. STANFIELD and Miss EMILY LILLIAN JOYCE.

Seldom, if ever, have we been present at an occasion of this kind which was so nearly a model of what, in our opinion, such occasions ought to be. The church was crowded to its capacity, not with mere sight-seers and curiosity-mongers, but with the real friends of the parties, and especially of the fair and amiable bride, whose life has been spent in this community. At the appointed time, Miss Cara Franklin, who has so often presided at the organ on similar occasions, gave the prelude to what all present hoped may be a happy matrimonial march through life. The youthful pair who seemed to us to be singularly well mated, came forward unattended to the altar and the venerable preacher after a few words which went right to the mark, received their irrevocable vows, and pronounced them man and wife. They then retired as they came, and in their carriage received the congratulations of their hosts of friends. The entire affair was distinguished by eminent good taste and good sense.

The happy pair left on the evening train, as we learn, for New Orleans.

BRACKENRIDGE—LYONS—On Thursday night, the 14th inst., at the Methodist church in this place, by Rev. E. B. Chappel, of San Antonio, Dr. R. J. BRACKENRIDGE, of Austin, and Miss MARY LYONS.

The above happy event attracted special attention from the fact that the bride is we believe a native of our town and well and favorably known to our people. The occasion was well attended both by residents and the relatives and friends of the parties from abroad. The officiating minister, although a Methodist, read the Episcopal marriage service, we presume by request. From its novelty to most of the persons present, it attracted considerable interest. We are frank to confess our preference for something less prolix and formal. However, everybody to their taste. Miss Cara Franklin presided at the organ. Upon the whole the occasion was a very interesting and agreeable one.

After the ceremony, the parties went for a few minutes to the residence of Mrs. Matthews, sister of the bridegroom, who resides at the Col. Ellison place, after which they took the night train for the north, en route to Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and other points of interest, and on their return, will make Austin their future home.

Usual services at the Christian church next Lord's day. Subjects of discussion will be:

11 A. M.—Is there a God?

8 P. M.—Is the Bible a Revelation from God?

"Come, let us reason together."

Martindale.

We arrived at Martindale Saturday evening and staid over night with R. J. Crunk whose crop looks well only the burrs and sunflowers "do whoop de cotton up." We spent Sunday night with Mr. A. B. Chenoweth. His cotton crop looks well but he seems to have relied more on faith than works in that part of the field near the Baptist church. But few know better than Chenoweth & Son how to work out that cotton if the sun will only shine propitiously.

We tried fishing on Saturday with Mr. Branch Petty but were run in by the rain, and we had a big congregation and a loud sermon. No wonder that preacher favors an organ in the church. If there is music in the sound of the coffee mill, then his is a musical voice.

Some young ladies and gentlemen from San Marcos were in the congregation, and their quiet, unassuming behaviour, was commendable indeed. Sometimes we see young folks out loose from the lawful restraints of the most cultured society, and "sloshing around" in the country making fools of themselves generally. And this is only an index to what I mean to say on that subject when time and space will permit. We must not fail to notice Mr. David Coe's liberality in giving a wide road in front of his house and throwing in an old well, which will perhaps come into conspicuous view when some drunken fellow or belated traveller tries to fill it up with his own tired carcass.

Mr. F. W. Scharwe was kind enough to bring me in company with Henry Wied and Gus Huffman back to San Marcos, whither they came to perfect a trade with Mr. Thompson for 300 acres of land at \$20 per acre.

Let the German come and don't "achtup" him. We will assimilate him in language and he will set us lessons of thrift and economy and all become more religious and happy.

Commissioner's court has come and gone, without any provision being made, so far as appears from the proceedings, which we publish in full elsewhere for a change for the better in our court house grounds. Apropos, Mr. Prescott informs us that a lady visitor from abroad, stopping at his house, while riding about our town, freely expressed her disgust at the condition of these grounds, and declared it was a disgrace to our county authorities having the same in charge. Such must be the opinion of all intelligent visitors from abroad. It is really too bad that the centre of our beautiful town and environs of our handsome new court house should be left in this shameful state.

See on our fourth page prospectus of that great newspaper, the Chicago Weekly News.

Since the removal of the county convicts to labor on the farms the overseer reports one escaped.

Marriage Licenses

Issued since our last report to the 20th inst.:

Wm. Jones to Eliza Stewart.

James McNeal to Francis Blair.

R. J. Brackenridge to Mary Lyons.

S. W. Stanfield to Emily Lillian Joyce.

Transfers of Real Estate.

From our last report to the 15th inst.:

W. B. Moore to Z. T. Childs and J. H. Combs, lots 5 and 6 in block 2, San Marcos, \$300.

E. A. Vaughan, wife of W. H. Keith to W. R. Keith and A. Williams, lot 14 in block 2, San Marcos.

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Report of County Treasurer

For quarter ending May 11:

GENERAL FUND.

Amount on hand at last report.....\$ 505.28

Amount received of collector.....3107.40

Total.....3612.68

Amount disbursed.....2181.22

Amount on hand and due county.....1731.46

LUNATIC AND PAUPER FUND.

Amount received of collector.....803.04

Amount overpaid and due fund at last report.....22.42

Balance.....780.02

Amount disbursed.....214.07

Amount on hand and due county.....566.55

REPAIR FUND.

Amount on hand at last report.....287.94

Amount received of collector.....828.04

Total.....1115.98

Amount disbursed.....973.03

Amount on hand and due county.....142.95

ESTRAY FUND.

Amount on hand at last report.....106.38

Amount received of collector.....42.88

Amount on hand and due county.....149.26

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND